Variables Describing Participation in Government Transfer Programs and Health Insurance Programs in the Core Wave Files

1996 Panel				
Program	**Coverage**	**Authorized Recipient**	**Recipiency**	**Amount**
Social Security—Adults	RCUTYP01	RCUOWN01	ER01A	T01AMTA
Social Security—Children			ER01K	T01AMTK
Railroad Retirement—Adults			ER02	T02AMT
Federal Supplemental Security Income	RCUTYP03	RCUOWN03	ER03	T03AMT
Veteran's Benefits	RCUTYP08	RCUOWN08	ER08	T08AMT
Aid to Families with Dependent Children/ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families[a]	RCUTYP20	RCUOWN20	ER20	T20AMT
General Assistance	RCUTYP21	RCUOWN21	ER21	T21AMT
Foster Child Care	RCUTYP23	RCUOWN23	ER23	T23AMT
Other Welfare	RCUTYP24	RCUOWN24	ER24	T24AMT
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	RCUTYP25	RCUOWN25	ER25	T25AMT
Food Stamps	RCUTYP27	RCUOWN27	ER27	T27AMT
Medicare		ECRMTH		
Medicaid	RCUTYP57	RCUOWN57	ER57	
CHAMPUS		RCHAMPM		
Other Health Insurance	RCUTYP58	RCUOWN58	ER58	
Panels Prior to 1996				
Program	**Coverage**	**Authorized Recipient**	**Recipiency**	**Amount**
Social Security—Adults	SOCSEC	SSPNUM	R01A	S01AMTA
Social Security—Children			R01K	S01AMTK
Railroad Retirement—Adults	RAILRD	RRPNUM	R02A	S02AMTA
Railroad Retirement—Children			R02K	S02AMTK
Federal Supplemental Security Income	SSICOVRG[b]		R03	S03AMT
Veteran's Benefits	VETS	VETNUM	R08	S08AMT
Aid to Families with Dependent Children	AFDC	AFDCPNUM	R20	S20AMT
General Assistance	GENASST	GAPNUM	R21	S21AMT
Foster Child Care	FOSTKID	FKPNUM	R23	S23AMT
Other Welfare	OTHWELF	OWPNUM	R24	S24AMT
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	WICCOV	WICPNUM	R25	WICVAL
Food Stamps	FOODSTMP	FSPNUM	R27	S27AMT
Medicare	CARECOV			
Medicaid	CAIDCOV	MCDPNUM		
CHAMPUS	CHAMP	CHPNUM		
Other Health Insurance	HIIND	HIPNUM		

[a] In August 1996, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act was signed into law. This legislation replaced the old welfare system, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), with a new program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). In the 1996 Panel, the questions for income type 20 referred to the AFDC program prior to Wave 4 and to the TANF program beginning in Wave 4. In Wave 9, the questions were expanded somewhat to capture the larger array of program types that could exist under TANF.

[b] During the 1990s, SSI was extended to children with disabilities. Consequently, beginning with the 1992 Panel, SSICOVRG was added to the core wave data files.